

TO THE WORLD:

HAMILTON, 30th June, 1857.

Mark the literary attainments of the Rev. Robert Irvine, D. D., Minister of Knox's Church, ("Free Presbyterian") Hamilton, shewn in the following letter, copied from the *Globe* newspaper of 22nd Instant:—

SUNDAY LABOUR—SYNOD DEBATE.

(To the Editor of the *Globe*.)

SIR,—In your issue of yesterday I find one or two statements reported in my speech on the Sabbath question, at our late meeting of Synod, in which I am liable to be misunderstood, and of which I beg room for a very brief explanation.

In speaking of the *comparative* amount of Sabbath labour in the country, I wished to show that there was a greater average amount of Sabbath desecration on "each" (not "one") Lord's day of the fifty-two in connexion with the Railroads alone, than in connexion with the postal and canal departments taken together. Such was my meaning, and I apprehend statistics may be found to establish such a position.

Again, in speaking of the Great Western Railroad, I find the following sentence—"All wood traffic is then carried on, and the accumulated freight is conveyed over the road on that day." The sentence I meant to utter was—"All the accumulated wood and freight trains of the week are conveyed to their destination on the Lord's day," for which statement I have good authority.

Since our meeting of Synod, I have learned, with much pleasure from Mr. Millan, Superintendent of the Wood Department, that he has always discontinued Sabbath traffic in his own Department, and that since the Desjardines Canal disaster, Sabbath traffic in general has been much diminished along the line. And I sincerely hope that the Company will soon find themselves in a position to suppress all work, both as regards repairs and running of trains on the Christian Sabbath.

Hoping that you will excuse this intrusion,

I am,

Yours, very faithfully,

R. IRVINE.

Hamilton, June 19, 1857.

Also, in the following letter, copied from the *Globe* Newspaper of 26th Instant:

SUNDAY TRAFFIC—SYNOD DEBATE.

(To the Editor of the *Globe*.)

SIR,—As my note in your issue of the 22nd inst. has not proved sufficiently explicit in the allusion it makes to Mr. McMillan, the Superintendent of the Wood Department in the Great Western Railway, I hope you will pardon this additional note.